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EDITORIAL

THE ANNUAL MEETING for 1930 of the W. O. C. will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, in conjunction with the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the dates have been fixed for Monday and Tuesday, December 29 and 30. It is not too early now to begin to plan a paper for this meeting.

THE COLORED PLATE in this issue again appears through the courtesy of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union. Through it we are pleased to introduce a new artist and a new engraver; Miss Iva B. Swenk is the artist, and the Bureau of Engraving, Minncapolis, is the engraver. Professor Swenk's paper on the crown sparrows, in this issue, is a fitting supplement to the Harris's Sparrow article of last year.

DURING the present year our Secretary has been making a sustained effort to increase the net total of our membership to a point where we can continue regularly the increased size of the BULLETIN. From the beginning of the year to June 1 he has received 136 new member applications. This is an excellent showing and we all trust that he may more than double that number during the remainder of the year. Each member may be of very great assistance by sending additional nominations to the Secretary, who will then extend invitations.

WORD has been officially sent out that one lone Heath Hen, the last of its race probably, still survives on Martha's Vineyard Island. When the annual Heath Hen census was made March 28 to April 4, 1930, only one male bird was counted, presumably the same one noted in the census one year ago and from time to time since.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS we have been keeping a record of such complete sets of the WILSON BULLETIN as we have learned about incidentally. Only eighteen sets have thus come to our attention, and these are, for the most part, of the "new series". So far as our information goes the only complete set of the "old series" is in the possession of Dr. Jones. Not all of the sets listed below are complete with originals—a number of them contain the reprints; Dr. Jones' set has the originals, but we can not say how many others. We will be glad to learn of other sets, and will print the list again if it is materially increased.

1. Dr. Guy C. Rich, Hollywood, Calif.
2. Dr. J. Grinnell, Berkeley, Calif.
3. Dr. Walton I. Mitchell, Berkeley, Calif.
4. Prof. Tracy I. Storer, Davis, Calif. Nearly complete.
5. Prof. Junius Henderson, Boulder, Colo.
6. T. C. Stephens, Sioux City, Iowa.
7. Prof. A. W. Schorger, Madison, Wisc.
8. University of Wisconsin Library, Madison, Wisc.
9. R. M. Barnes, Lacon, Ill.
10. Clarence Bretsch, Gary, Ind. Nearly complete.
11. Prof. Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio.
12. Oberlin College Library, Oberlin, Ohio.
13. Maunsell S. Crosby, Rhinebeck, N. Y.
14. Bradshaw H. Swales. Deceased.
15. Dr. H. C. Oberholser, Washington, D. C.
16. Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.
17. U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.
18. Royal Hungarian Institute of Ornithology, Budapest, Hungary.

The Seventh International Ornithological Congress was announced to take place during the first week of June at Amsterdam, Holland. This Congress was held at five-year intervals until interrupted by the war. The Third Congress was held in Paris in 1900, next in London in 1905, and then in Berlin in 1910. The meetings were resumed in 1926 with the Sixth Congress in Copenhagen.

IN THE ORIGINAL COPY of his paper on the Crown Sparrows, in this issue of the BULLETIN, Professor Swenk cited the specific name of the Gambel's Sparrow as *gambelii*, in conformity with Opinion 8 of the International Zoological Commission, but departing from the spelling given in the third edition of the A. O. U. Check List. The Editor, not being an expert on nomenclature, relies entirely upon the latter for the spelling of scientific names; this is done in the interest of uniformity. Hence an endeavor is made to bring papers into conformity with the A. O. U. Check-List—even when the International Code may be to the contrary. We will just as conscientiously follow the forthcoming check-list, even in a reversal of previous usage.